

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

HOLLY STEC,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 19-cv-10044
Hon. Matthew F. Leitman

v.

COMMISSIONER OF
SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

**ORDER (1) GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY
JUDGMENT (ECF NO. 13) AND (2) DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION
FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT (ECF NO. 12)**

In this action, Plaintiff Holly Stec challenges the denial of her applications for disability insurance benefits and Supplemental Security Income benefits. (*See* Compl., ECF #1.) Stec and Defendant Commissioner of Social Security have now filed cross-motions for summary judgment. (*See* Motions, ECF Nos. 12, 13.)

On December 11, 2019, the assigned Magistrate Judge issued a Report and Recommendation in which he recommended that the Court grant the Commissioner's motion and deny Stec's motion (the "R&R"). (*See* R&R, ECF No. 14.) At the conclusion of the R&R, the Magistrate Judge informed the parties that if they wanted to seek review of his recommendation, they needed to file specific objections with the Court within fourteen days. (*See id.*, PageID.753.)

Stec has not filed any objections to the R&R. The failure to object to an R&R releases the Court from its duty to independently review the matter. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985). In addition, the failure to file objections to an R&R waives any further right to appeal. *See Howard v. Sec'y of Health and Human Servs.*, 932 F.2d 505 (6th Cir. 1991); *Smith v. Detroit Fed'n of Teachers Local 231*, 829 F.2d 1370, 1373 (6th Cir. 1987).

Accordingly, because Stec has failed to file any objections to the R&R, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Magistrate Judge's recommendation to grant the Commissioner's Motion for Summary Judgment and deny Stec's Motion for Summary Judgment is **ADOPTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that (1) the Commissioner's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 13) is **GRANTED** and (2) Stec's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. 12) is **DENIED**.

s/Matthew F. Leitman
MATTHEW F. LEITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: January 9, 2020

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on January 9, 2020, by electronic means and/or ordinary mail.

s/Holly A. Monda
Case Manager
(810) 341-9764